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Dear Mr. Frey:

Enclosed is the proposed legislative program of the Director of Central Intelligence for the first session of the 96th Congress. In accordance with Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-19, revised, and Director McIntyre's memorandum of 18 August 1978, this legislative program is being submitted as part of the consolidated National Foreign Intelligence Program budget to the President. The program is in two parts, reflecting legislative proposals of interest primarily to the Central Intelligence Agency, and those reflecting concerns of the Intelligence Community.

Intelligence charter legislation was introduced in both Houses of Congress during the second session of the 95th Congress. Extensive hearings were held by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Administration has devoted considerable time to the study of the charter legislation and the development of positions thereon. This process will probably accelerate during the first session of the 96th Congress. The Director of Central Intelligence, therefore, will be considering the full range of legislative matters, both proposed and current which pertain to the Central Intelligence Agency and other entities of the Intelligence Community, in the context of the charter legislation.

Included in the enclosed legislative program, however, are several specific legislative matters of concern to the Director on which he intends to act during the first session of the 96th Congress. At this time, we envisage five such matters, which are explained in the enclosed program:

- a. Fiscal Year 1980 Intelligence Authorization Bill.
- b. Legislation to provide relief from the Freedom of Information Act.
- c. Legislation to protect against the unauthorized disclosure of intelligence sources and methods, including information revealing the identities of certain intelligence personnel.

d. Clarification of the authority of the Director of Central Intelligence to authorize personnel of the Central Intelligence Agency to carry firearms under certain circumstances.

e. Legislation to allow annual educational travel for dependents of employees of the Central Intelligence Agency serving overseas, and to allow for the payment of a death gratuity to surviving dependents of employees of the Central Intelligence Agency who die as a result of injury sustained in the line of duty.

It is not anticipated that any laws or provisions of laws affecting the Central Intelligence Agency will expire in 1978.

Sincerely,

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Acting Legislative Counsel

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